

## **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

### **Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)**

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This report covers the period 1/1/2025-12/31/2025, which is the first year of the Five Year Consolidated Plan. Priorities identified this year included preserving affordable housing, economic development opportunities, public facility improvements, public services, other, and administration and planning. The City expended \$851,820.94 of its \$893,054.. 2025 CDBG budget. The total expenditures include prior year project expenses, \$253,059.12., and RLF expenses, \$35,640. The 2025 CDBG allocation was \$745,133.00.; \$563,121.82 in 2025 project expenses were expended. Newark received \$691,355. in CDBG-CV funds. Of that award, \$125,780. was expended for Energy Efficiency Improvements (new roofs) to income eligible homeowners in three Qualified Census Tracts. \$6,897.97 was expended for CDBG CV administration and planning in 2025.

#### **Funds were provided for the projects delivering the following outcomes:**

Economic Development-Assistance to start or expand businesses

Other- Code Enforcement

Public facility, infrastructure improvements

Public Services with or without a housing benefit

Housing-Preserve affordable housing units

#### **Results**

Economic development technical assistance was provided to 79 businesses of which 37 were new businesses, 42 were existing business, of which 8 were potential relocations, 5 were expanding, 62 new jobs created.

**Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	225	79	35.11%	45	79	175.56%
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	160	8	5.00%	22	8	36.36%
Other	Clearance/Demolition, code enforcement	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Other	Clearance/Demolition, code enforcement	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	5	1	20.00%	1	1	100.00%
Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	5	1	20.00%	1	1	100.00%
Public Facilities and Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	60650		1	1	100.00%

Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1500	296	19.73%	785	296	37.71%
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0		0		

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

CDBG funds were used to address the highest priorities as identified in the Consolidated Plan: Affordable housing, Economic opportunities, Public facilities, Infrastructure improvements, Other (code enforcement), and Public services. The City met its planned outcomes in the majority

of activities.

The City's CDBG CV allocation was utilized for Energy Efficiency Improvements, targeting roof replacement in 3 Qualified Census Tracts. 10 households comprised of 21 members were assisted. 1/10 households were female headed, 2/10 were disabled and 4/10 were elderly. 7/10 were White, 10/10 non-Hispanic, 3/10 were Black/African American. 4/10 had income lower than the 30% LMI ranges and 6/10 had income between the 51-80% LMI ranges. A total of \$125,780. was expended in project expenses and \$6,897.97 on planning and administration.

The coronavirus pandemic also did not impact the plans or resources for the PY 2025 CDBG activities.

The City is in compliance with both the obligation and origin year tests with regards to planning and administration expenditures. HUD limits these expenditures to 20% of the yearly allocation and each origin year starting in 2015 to the present. The City's 18.34% expenditure complied.

15% is the maximum amount allowed for public services for annual allocations; the total expenditures at 12.51% complied.

Another priority is complying with HUD's timeliness standard that requires the majority of CDBG funds to be spent and disbursed before November 1 each year. The City met the timeliness standard.

**Progress Continued CR05-Uploaded below above narrative as an attachment**

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

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	CDBG
White	214
Black or African American	33
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	247

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

### Narrative

Using the categories listed in the above chart, the following 2025 CDBG activities and the Emergency/Minor Home Repair activity 2024 CDBG RLF activity. Table reflects PR 23

**Behavioral Healthcare Partners Homeless Prevention** activity. 8 households comprised of 16 household members. were assisted. Households: 8 White, 1 Hispanic, 1

#### St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus

The St. Vincent de Paul activity will provide housing payments to prevent homelessness for LMI persons. 32 people in 18 households were assisted. Households include: 13 White, 0 Hispanic and 2 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic; 3 Black/African American & White, 0 Hispanic

#### St. Vincent Haven

4 households (single men) assisted with 760 shelter nights. 2 White, 0 Hispanic, 2 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic.

**The Licking County Coalition for Housing rental assistance** activity provided adequate transitional housing and supportive services for families with severe housing needs. 5 persons were assisted within 5 households. Households: 4 White, 0 Hispanic, 1 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic.

**The Licking County Coalition for Housing security deposit** activity provided adequate transitional

housing and supportive services for families with severe housing needs. 94 persons were assisted within 52 households. Households: 46 White, 0 Hispanic, 5 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic, 1 American Indian/Alaskan native, 0 Hispanic.

**The Woodlands**, The Center for New Beginnings activity served victims of domestic violence and their children. New Beginnings must maintain supplies to keep the shelter open, such as food and utilities. Overnight shelter was provided to 63 households comprised of 104 household members. Households: 53 White, 0 Hispanic, 6 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic, 4 multi-racial, 3 Hispanic

**The Salvation Army** provided 526 nights of emergency shelter to 6 households with 19 household members. Households: 4 White, 0 Hispanic, 2 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic

**Landlord/Tenant**- 78 households with 159 members. 65 White, 0 Hispanic; 8 Black/African American, 0 Hispanic; 1 Black/African American 7 White, 0 Hispanic; 2 Other Multi Racial, 2 Hispanic; 2 American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0 Hispanic were served by Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio.

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	893,054	816,181

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

A total of \$132,667.97. was spent in 2025 out of the CDBG CV Funds. This amount was spent from two separate activity numbers listed below:

802 – Admin and Planning - \$6,897.97

867 Energy Efficiency Improvements-\$125,780.

See CR00 Attachment for PR26 financial and activity info for CDBG-CV.

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

### Narrative

Target Area-Newark, Planned Percentage of Allocation-100%, Actual Percentage of Allocation-100%, Narrative Description-citywide

CDBG funds are available citywide. All CDBG funded programming took place citywide and was provided to persons meeting established low and moderate income thresholds. The City has area of downtown CT 7590 designated as a Slum and Blight area. Most community development projects that have a low- or moderate-income area benefit are undertaken within low- and moderate-income census tracts, or within low- or moderate-income census tract blocks outside of these areas. Newark Census Tracts include:750700,751000,751300,751600,751900,752200,752500,752800,753100,753300,753600,753900 ,754101,754102, 759000, 750700. Block Groups in the following CTs are less than 51% low to moderate: CT 751600, BG 1, 751900, BG1, 752200, BG1, 752800, BG1, 751300, BG3, 753100, BG 2 and BG 3, 753300, BG1, 753900, BG 1, BG2, BG3, 754101, BG1, BG4, 754102, BG1 are over 50% low to moderate income. Other community development projects that have a limited-clientele benefit are located throughout the City. In total, 59.59% of the City of Newark population meets the definition of low- and moderate income.

## Leveraging

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

\$4,397,682.50 in other Federal, State, and local, private funds were leveraged by eight CDBG subrecipients.

\$184,999.30 in 2025 CDBG funds were contributed to eight CDBG subrecipients.

The following 2025 CDBG subrecipients provided leveraged funds:

### **HUD Activity 911, Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)**

Newark Development Partners is a nonprofit Community Improvement Corporation. The objective is to provide economic opportunity. Activity meets Objective 3

The CIC serves as a link between the public and private sectors. The purpose is to enhance relationships in order to strengthen the local economy. The CIC can foster community cohesiveness.

A total of \$110,543.71 was spent in 2025. Newark Development Partners leveraged local funds totaling \$2,480,800.

**HUD Activity No. 913, Together We Grow, Inc.** has neighborhood garden projects located at multiple locations, including Heritage Middle School. The community gardens targeted participation by residents of the areas. The income levels in the areas are more than 51% low/mod. The activity meets objective 1. The matrix code is 03F.

\$5,691.84 was expended in 2025. Together We Grow did not leverage any funds.

See Attachment CR15 continued

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	73	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	62	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	40	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	16	5
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

The Consolidated Plan goal numbers are not accurate due to the misinterpretation.

For 2025, the number of homeless to be provided affordable housing units, number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units, and the number of special needs households to be provided affordable housing units is 0. The City did not encounter any problems in implementing the Emergency/Minor Home Repair and Siding for Seniors activities during FY 2025. Three households were

served utilizing 2024 CDBG RLF and 2024 CDBG funds. The City did not spend 2025 CDBG Emergency/Minor Home Repair activity funds.

A total of \$50,018.00 was spent in 2025 out of the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund for the activities below.

905 (2024 Emergency/Minor Home Repair) - \$50,018.00

923 (2025 Emergency/Minor Home Repair) - \$0.00

905 – 2024 Emergency/Minor Home Repairs

5 emergency/minor home repair projects were completed under Activity #905 during 2025 which prevented the homeowners from having to vacate their residences. These repairs included: 1 interior electrical update, 1 central air replacement, 1 boiler & hot water tank replacement, and 2 roof replacements.

5 households comprised of 11 people were assisted. 2/5 households were female headed. 1/5 were disabled and 2/5 were elderly. Ethnicity and Race – 3/3 were non-Hispanic and 4/5 were white and 1/5 were black/African American. 2/5 had income between the 31-50% LMI ranges and 3/5 had income between the 51-80% LMI ranges.

923 – 2025 Emergency/Minor Home Repairs

There were no emergency/minor home repair projects completed under this activity in 2025.

906 – 2024 Siding for Seniors - \$40,875.00

3 Siding for Seniors energy efficiency improvements were completed under Activity #906 during 2025.

3 households comprised of 5 household members were assisted. 0/3 households were female headed. 1/3 were disabled and 3/3 were elderly. Ethnicity and Race – 3/3 were non-Hispanic, 1/3 were White and 2/3 were Black/African American. 2/3 had income lower than the 30% LMI ranges and 1/3 had income between the 51-80% LMI ranges.

924 – 2025 Siding for Seniors - \$0.00

There were no projects completed under Activity #924 during 2025.

875 – 2023 Sidewalks - \$26,423.38

3 sidewalk replacement projects were completed under Activity #875 during 2025, they all also included tree removal of trees that were impacting the sidewalks.

3 households comprised of 4 members were assisted. 1/3 households were female headed. 1/3 were disabled and 2/3 were elderly. Ethnicity and Race – 3/3 were non-Hispanic and 2/3 were white and 1/3 were black/African American. 1/3 had income lower than the 30% LMI range and 2/3 had income between the 31-50% range.

Implementation Costs - \$3,013.38

Project Costs - \$23,410.00

871 – 2023 Clearance/Demolition - \$558.30

No projects were completed under this activity during 2025. However, 2 projects were put out to bid and went under contract at the end of 2025 with the actual demolitions to be taking place in the beginning of January 2026.

Implementation Costs - \$558.30

Project Costs - \$0.00

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

There will always be a need for emergency /minor home repair and rehabilitation programs, serving low to moderate income households, is very strong. The CDBG FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan states that housing repair and rehabilitation are high priority needs in Newark. Housing affordability is a great barrier to fair housing choice. All of the City’s CDBG funded housing programs address housing affordability in some sense. When funds are available, a verification of eligibility is reviewed before a project is approved. The City will continue its practice of assessing program policies and procedures in order to maintain quality assurance.

In addition to the annual CDBG allocation, the City maintains a CDBG RLF and HOME RLF that can provide immediate assistance to low-income homeowners experiencing severe home maintenance problems due to situations that could result in the home being declared substandard, unsafe, or uninhabitable under local housing codes. Assistance is provided in the form of a loan secured by a mortgage, usually which will not exceed \$10,000, repayment of which is deferred until the assisted property is sold. The emergency home repair program is coordinated with other housing programs.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	5	0
Low-income	2	0

Moderate-income	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

The 11 households served as noted in Table 7 were owner occupied homeowners. There were no rental households served. The City does not receive HOME funds directly from HUD.

One hundred percent (100%) of the persons served by the City of Newark’s housing programs were those with very low and incomes. In addition, our partnership with Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio helped two low income families build new homes at 327 and 335 Washington Street. \$20,000. in HOME RLF funds assist with each new addition to Newark’s affordable housing stock. The projects were completed during the 2023 program year.

The efforts to address “worst case needs”, and progress in meeting the needs of persons with disabilities, the City did not have any CDBG housing activities during FY 2024 to assist low income renter households who pay more than half their income for rent, live in seriously substandard housing, which includes homeless or have been involuntarily displaced.

The City’s Emergency/Minor Home Repair and Siding for Seniors activities help maintain affordable housing for low to moderate income households

## **CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The City participated in the funding of the 2020 Licking County Task Force on Homelessness. The 2020 Homeless Action Plan for the Licking County Community was issued during the 2020 program year.

867 – Energy Efficiency Improvements (CV Roof Replacements) - \$125,780.00

10 energy efficiency improvements were completed under activity #867 during 2025. These improvements included roof replacements w/gutter replacements when needed.

10 households comprised of 21 members were assisted. 1/10 households were female headed. 2/10 were disabled and 4/10 were elderly. Ethnicity and Race – 10/10 were non-Hispanic and 7/10 were white and 3/10 were black/African American. 4/10 had income lower than the 30% LMI ranges and 6/10 had income between the 51-80% LMI ranges.

CDBG funds were utilized to assist New Beginnings Domestic Violence Shelter, Licking County Coalition for Housing, St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus, St. Vincent Haven, Salvation Army, and Behavioral Health Care Partners to assist people experiencing homelessness and needing transitional housing. Assessing individual needs were provided by the aforementioned 2025 subrecipients.

The City is a member of the Licking County Housing Initiatives (LCCHI). This body serves as the local Continuum of Care with the purpose of addressing homelessness in a coordinated, comprehensive, and strategic manner.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

## **CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)**

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

#### **Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

LMHA supports the Public Housing Tenant Advisory Council, and encourages them to participate in all meetings, which involve our Annual/Five Year Plans. Currently, Terrace Gardens is moving from the Section 9 Platform to the Section 8 Platform. Therefore, the building is going through a major renovation. The apartments will be completely updated. There will be more energy efficiency appliances and heating/air conditioning throughout. The elderly designated property currently houses 51% veterans. All LMHA programs lease up quickly. Therefore, the need for programs, such as these, is apparent in our community. Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority will continue to address the needs for housing, by issuing vouchers when available, and leasing Public Housing apartment homes. LMHA will continue to aggressively pursue additional housing vouchers for Licking County residents. LMHA will continue to improve the quality of life in Licking County, by providing decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income families. To accomplish this, LMHA will operate in an efficient manner, within HUD guidelines, and through partnerships with the community. LMHA will operate with a high degree of organizational effectiveness, in order to remain financially viable.

LMHA continued to support the Public Housing's Tenant Advisory Council and encourage them to participate in meetings which involve our Annual/Five Year Plan. LMHA's homeownership program has been on hold due to financial constraints but anticipate reactivating the program as soon as it is feasible.

#### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

Not applicable-Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority is a High Performer for both the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing. LMHA is a high performer with a SEMAP score of 125. Its Public Housing REAC Inspection Score 90 (2019) and is eligible for scoring every two years.

## **CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

The City of Newark does not appear to have any excessive, exclusionary, discriminatory or duplicatory policies, rules and regulations that may constitute barriers to affordability in cost or incentives to develop and or maintain units. The City reviewed tax policies affecting real estate and other property, land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, code enforcement, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies that affect the return on residential (including supportive housing) investment. There is no rent control in Newark, and the City has taken several positive steps to reduce zoning costs burdens and to provide tax incentives for development of new and rehabilitated affordable housing.

The City is not aware of any major analyses of existing policies within the past five years. While there do not appear to be major systemic barriers to affordable housing at the local level, there are numerous state and federal policies that effectively hinder the ability of local governments to meet affordable housing goals. For example, the federal "Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction" requirements may make rehabilitation of Newark's older housing stock difficult to achieve. At the same time, lending requirements affecting the secondary mortgage market effectively limit home ownership possibilities to middle and upper income populations. State barriers include the lack of consistent funding for state programs, particularly the Housing Trust Fund and non-profit programs run by the Office of Community Development. Administrative obstructions include the Office of Community Development Residential Rehabilitation Standards and the rules applying to the use CDBG funds for new housing construction.

We helped to eliminate barriers to affordable housing by:

Providing funds to help Habitat for Humanity complete two new homes at 327 and 335 Washington Street. Providing funds for housing rehabilitation and emergency/minor home repairs;

Newark does not have any structural barriers to affordable housing, such as excessive zoning requirements or restrictive building practices.

Through the City's tenant/landlord program, efforts are made to encourage the use of more affordable housing when addressing landlords. Also, during the training of various housing providers, information is provided regarding the need and feasibility of providing safe and affordable housing. Special emphasis has been placed on housing for families and the disabled since this is an under-served population.

Barriers to affordable housing exist mostly in the area of finance.

**Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City took multiple actions to address obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of persons with low and moderate incomes in the CDBG FY 2025. Through the City's tenant/landlord program, efforts are made to encourage the use of more affordable housing when addressing landlords. Also, during the training of various housing providers, information is provided regarding the need and feasibility of providing safe and affordable housing. Special emphasis has been placed on housing for families and the disabled since this is an underserved population. CDBG RLF assistance was provided for three emergency/minor home repair projects, which prevented the homeowners from having to vacate their residences.

The preceding section provides a description of housing actions.

**See CR25 and CR 25 Attachment for additional information**

It is difficult to serve the many underserved needs of low and very low income people. The funding need is much greater than the dollars available

**Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

On September 15, 2000, HUD's "Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance" regulation took effect to implement Section 1012 and Section 1013 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Reduction Act of 1992. In general, this statute and implementing regulations requires certain lead-based paint hazard awareness and reduction efforts when federal funds are provided for certain kinds of housing activities (e.g. rehabilitation of housing).

The Department of Development undertook all of its federally assisted housing activities in compliance with the HUD regulation during the program year. The City of Newark believes that the issues surrounding lead-based paint hazards may significantly affect the housing market in Newark in the next five years. The bulk of Newark's housing stock was constructed prior to 1940 making it high risk for lead hazards. Lead hazard reduction activities can have a significant impact on housing rehabilitation. The average cost of lead hazard reduction activities is between \$10, 000.-\$25,000 per unit.

All applicants participating in the City's housing programs receive the brochure entitled "The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right" as well as a copy of the risk assessment report and clearance reports where required by HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR Part 35) and Section 3701-32 of the Ohio Revised Code. In households where children ages six and under are present, applicants are urged in writing, to have children tested for elevated blood lead levels by their family physician or at the Licking County Board of Health.

**See CR-35 Attachment for additional information-**

**Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Poverty level persons are eligible to participate in CDBG funded programs.

In 2024, both housing and public service activities benefited extremely low income families.

Actions taken to reduce the number of persons living in poverty consisted of efforts to create jobs through the implementation of programs by the Newark Development Department and Newark Development Partners CIC by providing a mechanism whereby persons desiring to start their own businesses could receive technical assistance at no cost to them. Behavior Healthcare Partners also provides assistance to consumers in conjunction with housing supports to assist individuals to be self-sufficient and employed. Another nonprofit, Mental Health America of Licking County has a Bridges Out of Poverty program, which is a series of classes to develop job, life, and financial literacy skills.

### **The City's Anti-Poverty Strategy**

Newark works with Licking County to alleviate poverty. Licking County receives the majority of public funds to help people in need. The City/County anti-poverty strategies focus on the goal of increasing self-sufficiency of low-income individuals and families. The following actions are taken in an effort to achieve this goal:

Supporting programs of the Continuum of Care and providers of emergency and transitional shelter and services to persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. City Council members and other city staff members serve on various non-profit agency boards including service providers, economic development companies and chambers of commerce. The City also assisted with the development a plan to end homelessness Continue to support non-profits in the delivery of basic services through the City of Newark CDBG emergency shelter, transitional case management, food, and low income energy assistance and weatherization programs. Support community vitality through activities that promote a diverse economic base and family wage jobs while providing opportunities for low- and moderate-income people to become financially independent. Implement planning policies that promote employment.

**See CR-35 Attachment for additional information-**

### **Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

During CDBG FY 2025, the City of Newark continued to utilize its resources to strengthen the institutional structure. The Department of Development reports to the Mayor and a Director oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. The staff has over five decades of institutional experience. The Mayor and City Council approve strategies contained in the Consolidated Plan and annual plans. Their input, support, and assistance are present during the tenure of the Plan's implementation.

The City monitors all CDBG activities to ensure compliance with State and Federal policies related to

programming and fiscal management. Ongoing monitoring of program activities also served to ensure that timeliness/objectives, to include reporting standards were met as planned.

The City Department of Development staff members serve on local boards and committees. These affiliations serve to promote increased coordination, communication and consultation with other organizations that serve at risk and low income persons. The relationships also enable the City to gauge emerging needs/trends, and maintain ties necessary for program sustainability.

In addition to the actions noted above, the City leveraged added funding sources (State, local, and Federal) throughout FY 2025 in order to maximize program effectiveness and enhance collaborative relationships on the State, local, and Federal levels

Several non-profit agencies have continued to improve their capacity to develop affordable housing. Some of those agencies are listed below:

LEADS, local Community Action Agency, established its Housing Management division during FY 1997 and have successfully continued to acquire existing affordable housing properties and maintain their use.

Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio plans to continue constructing single family homes for eligible low income people. During 2025, construction was completed at 327 and 335 Washington Street. The City of Newark partnered with Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio on the project will expend \$20,000 from the HOME Revolving Loan Fund. The City is also actively involved with a group of local housing agencies that each provided various components of housing counseling programs. Currently these agencies are learning what counseling each agency offers and how services may be able to be combined. Some of the entities involved are: Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio, Licking County Housing, Inc., Licking County Coalition for Housing, and LEADS. Currently, the Licking County Coalition for Housing is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency.

### **Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Coordination is essential in successful CDBG program administration. The City of Newark throughout FY 2025 continued to maintain its high level of coordination with multiple government, health, nonprofit, charitable, housing and social service agencies. The City works with LEADS, the local community action agency to assist with energy audits. We have developed a strong relationship with Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio and have an MOU agreement in place to utilize HOME RLF funds for new construction of homes for low to moderate income families. The City is represented on multiple nonprofit boards focused on housing and social service needs, such local Continuum of Care-Licking County Housing Initiatives. We had subrecipient partnerships with nonprofits that aided our coordination efforts between public and private housing and social service agencies. They include St. Vincent de Paul, St Teresa of Calcutta, St. Vincent Haven, Salvation Army, Behavioral Healthcare Partners Inc. The

Woodlands-New Beginnings, and Licking County Coalition for Housing. We also have an ongoing relationship with the Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

There are no local public policies creating barriers to affordable housing. Housing decency is addressed through multiple activities using CDBG, CDBG RLF, HOME RLF, and Lead RLF. The CDBG funded Emergency/Minor Home Repair and Siding for Seniors activities serve, in part, to address the problem of housing decency. The City's use of HOME RLF dollars in partnership with Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio also helps address housing decency by building affordable housing for low to moderate persons. In addition, the Lead RLF funds lead remediation projects helps housing for low and moderate income persons. A component of the Lead RLF addresses Healthy Homes issues in housing.

Affordable Housing is a goal of our Consolidated Plan and will continue to be a focal point with each annual plan submission. The City is committed to finding avenues to ensure decent and affordable housing in the community. We will continue partner with nonprofits such as the Licking County Coalition for Housing, Behavioral Health Care Partners, The Main Place, and our local community action agency, LEADS to meet the housing needs of low to moderate income and special needs populations.

## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

CDBG are required to submit quarterly progress reports during a program year.

The City's Department of Development monitors compliance with regulations and continues efforts to ensure timely expenditure of funds. Monitoring activities include on site and office reviews. The expenditure requirement was met during the 2025 program year.

Housing activities, such as emergency/minor home repair are monitored to ensure that affordability terms are met. Projects are either grants or secured with a mortgage.

Minority and Women's Business outreach requirements are included in the City's CDBG and non CDBG City procurement projects. An annual report is provided to HUD. It is difficult to secure minority and women's businesses.

Section 3 compliance is included in written agreements and encouraged when compliance is not triggered. An annual report is provided to HUD. It is difficult to secure Section 3 businesses.

Public notices are provided to the daily paper in Newark, The Advocate as well as the City website, Licking County Libraries, and radio station. Special assistance is made available if requested.

Citizen participation plan requirements are adhered to comprehensive planning requirements. The Department of Development staff inputs data into IDIS on a consistent basis. This practice along with the PR 03 reports enabled the City to gauge progress on an ongoing basis. The staff at the Newark Department of Development interacts with CDBG stakeholders on a regular basis. This communication flow is an important part of monitoring. In order to continuously implement improvements, the City will regularly assess programmatic operations, policies and procedure throughout the CDBG program year. The City will also continue to utilize all established monitoring practices that have proven effective. **See CR 40 additions-**

## **Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to**

**comment on performance reports.**

The City Department of Development issues press releases to notify residents and other interested parties of upcoming meetings, fund availability, and how to submit comments. These ensure a multi-media approach of notifications including the local daily paper, City website posting, physical posting in City Hall, local radio stations, Licking County Library Newark location.

2/10/2026 public hearing notice published in The Newark Advocate, posted on City website (www.newarkohio.gov)

2/26/2026 public hearing at Newark City Hall, 40 West Main Street

2/26/2026 draft made available on City website and Licking County Libraries

Comments will accepted prior to March 31, 2026.

**CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

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Non-coronavirus activities were not impacted or defunded due to coronavirus during the 2025 CDBG program year. There are no planned changes in the City of Newark’s CDBG program objectives. The City successfully implemented the majority its CDBG program in 2025 and met the timeliness requirement. However, the timing of the release of funds by Congress has an impact on whether an activity can be completed during the program year. No funding was spent on the following 2025 CDBG activities: Activity 923, Emergency/Minor Home Repair, Activity 924 Siding for Seniors, and Activity 926 Park Improvements-Wells Park.

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## CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

<b>Total Labor Hours</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>HTF</b>
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

**Table 8 – Total Labor Hours**

<b>Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>HTF</b>
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0				
Held one or more job fairs.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	0				
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0				
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0				
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0				

Other.	0				
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**Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program**

**Narrative**

The City does not have any CDBG activity that is \$200,000. or greater. Section 3 does not apply.

When placing contracts out to bid, we do our best to make certain Section 3 businesses in the surrounding area are notified so that they have the opportunity to bid. Within the past few years, we have updated our bidding procedures in order to attract more Section 3 and MBE/WBE businesses. We have included a clause to each of our construction and non-construction contracts stating that if any employees need to be hired to complete the project that preference is given to Section 3 individuals. We also assist our contractors in getting the Section 3 individuals trained and/or licensed as needed.